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SUBJECT: JAPANESE-CUBAN ECONOMIC NEWS - SUGAR

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1. UNDER 1977 RENEGOTIATED AUSTRALIAN-JAPAN LONG TERM SUGAR
CONTRACTS, AUSTRALIA IS TO SUPPLY JAPAN 600,000 MT SUGAR PER
YEAR THROUGH JUNE 30, 1981.

2. HOWEVER, IN CALENDAR 1977 AUSTRALIA SHIPPED 846,055 MT
SUGAR TO JAPAN. ROUGHLY, THIS REPRESENTED ABOUT ONE-THIRD
OF TOTAL JAPANESE IMPORTS.

3. COMMENT: AS ABOUT 246,000 MT OF AUSTRALIAN EXPORTS TO
JAPAN NOT COVERED BY LTC ARRANGEMENT AND AS AUSTRALIA MAJOR
JAPANESE SUPPLIER, HAVANA'S SPECULATION THAT ANY ADDITIONAL
SALES OF CUBAN SUGAR TO JAPAN WOULD BE AT AUSTRALIA'S
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EXPENSE IS PROBABLY WELL-FOUNDED.
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